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## **CEFAS24-69 Contract for an acoustic and ground truthing survey of The Wash**

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**19 July 2024 - no time specified**

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cefas.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family-force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://defra-family-force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

CEFAS24-69 Contract for an acoustic and ground truthing survey of The Wash

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79311000 - Survey services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Marine Protected Area (MPA) monitoring programme is funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and through this programme, Cefas coordinates some of the evidence collection for the monitoring of MPAs in English waters. With the aim of improving our understanding of the extent, distribution, and nature of *S. spinulosa* biogenic reef (i.e. reefiness) across The Wash and its approaches, Cefas has commissioned this contract to deliver the element of an acoustic and ground truthing survey.

Download the Bidder Pack at <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome> and search for CEFAS24-69 under opportunities.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34513550 - Survey vessels

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Marine Protected Area (MPA) monitoring programme is funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and through this programme, Cefas coordinates some of the evidence collection for the monitoring of MPAs in English waters.

The Ross Worm *Sabellaria spinulosa* is a sedentary, epifaunal polychaete worm which builds tubes by consolidating particles of sediment (Limpenny et al, 2010). *S. spinulosa* is abundant in UK waters, largely existing in solitary form or within small, low-lying aggregations (Hayward and Ryland, 1990). However, under the right environmental conditions they also can establish dense colonies and form biogenic reefs. These biogenic reefs are protected as an Annex I habitat under the EU Habitats Directive (EEC, 1992), and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) are designated for their protection.

Important areas of consistently occurring reef have been found across The Wash where extensive areas of subtidal mixed sediments in the tide-swept approaches provide the right conditions for reefs to form, particularly in deeper waters (see 'core reef' areas on Figure 1). These reefs are an important but understudied feature of both The Wash and North Norfolk Coast (WNNC) SAC and Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge (IDRBNR) SAC - named as 'The Wash and its approaches' hereafter.

With the aim of improving our understanding of the extent, distribution, and nature of *S. spinulosa* biogenic reef (i.e. reefiness) across The Wash and its approaches, Cefas has commissioned this contract to deliver the element of an acoustic and ground truthing survey. The evidence gathered in this acoustic survey will seek to allow for the identification of Annex I *Sabellaria spinulosa* reefs. This evidence will be used to support conservation advice, condition assessment and management of the WNNC SAC and the IDRBNR SAC, its designated sites and protected features, i.e. Reefs (including *Sabellaria spinulosa* biogenic reef) habitat.

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

12 August 2024

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

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**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

6 June 2024

Local time

10:00am

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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